Appointment of teachers in Navodaya Vidyalayas

4011. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the procedures adopted to appoint teachers in Navodaya Vidyalayas;

(b) whether vacancies are filled up locally in every State;

(c) the procedures to improve the infrastructure including buildings of these schools; and

(d) how many such vidyalayas are there in Assam and how many of them have satisfactory infrastructure including buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA]: (a) Periodically vacancies of teachers are assessed and notified in Employment News. After obtaining the applications they are scrutinized as per the eligibility criteria and a written test conducted with the assistance of an outside agency. Candidates who are qualified in the written examination are called for interview. The selection committee consisting of subject experts and eminent educationists will assess the performance of the candidates in their subject as well as general performance. Merit, list is prepared on the basis of performance in the written test and interview and select panels are prepared and offer of appointments are given.

(b) No, Sir. However, as the medium of instruction up to VIII Class is the Regional language, it is ensured that the candidates with adequate knowledge of Regional language are posted in the respective States.

(c) Keeping in view the requirement' of the residential nature of the institution, specific designs are prepared for the buildings earlier by Central Building Research Institute and subsequently by CPWD. The school campus include adequate dormitories for boys and girls, quarters for the teaching and non-teaching staff, playground, dining hall, library and laboratories etc. Arrangements are also made for internal roads, water supply, electricity and other requirements. However, for hilly areas the designs of the buildings are made as per the terrain. Adequate care is taken to use local materials to ensure minimising the construction cost.

(d) There are 20 JNVs in Assam State. Out of these 20 Vidyalayas buildings have been sanctioned for 19 Vidyalayas and construction is under progress at various stages.

Computer education in Schools

† 4012. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme was introduced by Government in the past for imparting computer education in Government schools;

(b) if so, when this scheme was introduced; and

(c) what is the total number of students, in whose respect arrangements have been made to impart computer education and what are the names of States and the number of students, for which this scheme is meant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SMT.) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) A Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools (CLASS) was initially launched as a pilot project during the year 1984-85 in the wake of the British Aid of BBC Micro Computer. The Project was subsequently adopted as a Centrally Sponsored Plan Scheme during VII Plan (1993—98). The Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched a revised CLASS scheme during 2001-2002 for imparting computer education to the student of Government and Government Aided schools. Besides this KVS and NVS would convert one school per State/UT into a SMART school for which a grant of not more than Rs. 25 lakhs would be given per SMART school. Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas would also be given funds as the rate of Rs. 15,000/- per neighbourhood school to impart computer literacy to 10 neighbourhood schools to cover 10.000 such schools over a period of three years.

(c) A State-wise position of schools covered under the pre-revised scheme of CLASS scheme is given in Staiement-I *(See* below). A State-wise position of schools covered under revised CLASS scheme during 2001-2002 is given in Statement-II.

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